(b) to (d) All the Central Government Hospitals, AIIMS and the hospitals under the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi and MCD have well defined disaster management plans, which are well established and regularly monitored by the hospital authorities.

The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has set-up a High level inter-agency co-ordination committee, which periodically reviews all the plans at the State Level for ensuring better preparedness. It has formulated the State Disaster Management Plan which envisages reviewing and updating of Hospital Disaster Management Plan by all Hospitals; the city has been divided into nine districts with one major hospitals identified as Nodal Disaster Management Hospital in each district; special training to Doctors; progressive strengthening of the two major Ambulance Services namely CATS and St. John's Ambulance Brigade.

The AIIMS has a documented disaster management plan, which is activated to face such challenges.

Deaths due to Expired Medicines

†2285. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in Rashtriya Sahara, dated 6th July, 2001, wherein it has been brought out that from 1995 to 1998 in G.B. Pant Hospital, seventy four people died of consuming expired medicines;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry committee has been constituted in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Government of NCT of Delhi has informed that the matter is being investigated by the Crime Branch of Delhi Police in the Court of Smt. Sangeeta Dhingra, Additional Session Judge.

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.